

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2409

Wm. J. Hoffman House

20101 Gunpowder Road

Millers, Baltimore County

1843

Private

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This large property stands amidst a rolling landscape with mature trees and shrubs, and landscaping surrounding the house, and a picket fence along the road. Rising two-and-a-half stories above a full-height coursed rubble basement, this eave-oriented brick Italianate dwelling is four bays wide. A two-story brick kitchen wing is attached to the rear elevation. The façade is covered with a stretcher veneer, whereas the side and rear elevations are in a five course American brick bond. A full-width shed roof porch high covers the first story on the façade. The porch rests on a stone pier foundation and is supported with wood posts, and square wood balusters with a paneled balustrade. The first story contains an off-center entry with a single-leaf paneled wood door illuminated with a 4-light transom. The basement level is accessed on the façade with a central entrance containing a recessed panel and light wood door. The nine windows on the façade are 6/6 double-hung wood sash with lug wood lintels with corner blocks and wood sills. There are three interior-end corbeled brick chimneys, two are seen in the main block of the house, and one is in the rear kitchen ell. The roof features cornice returns with spindlework, wide eaves, and scroll sawn eave brackets. A gable-roof one-story wood frame addition is located on the rear. An historic washhouse, root cellar, bank barn, and a drive-in barn are associated with this property.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2409

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic William J. Hoffman House (preferred)

other Shannon

2. Location

street and number 20101 Gunpowder Road not for publication

city, town Millers vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name R. Paul and Mary L. Hulleberg

street and number 20101 Gunpowder Road telephone Not Available

city, town Millers state MD zip code 21102-2529

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 10579 folio 665

city, town Towson tax map 10 tax parcel 172 tax ID number 2100010189

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Contributing 5
Noncontributing 1
Total 5

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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There are four historic outbuildings and one non-historic pool associated with this property. To the front of the house is a bank-side washhouse constructed in 1843, standing one-story high and two bays wide. It is constructed of coursed rubble with a side gable corrugated sheet metal roof and one interior-end brick capped chimney. A central entry contains a flush vertical board door, which is flanked by one 6/6 awning wood window. There is a lower entry on the opposite elevation (east). It has square-edged wood door and window surrounds, exposed roof rafters, and large stone quoins. Adjacent to the house is a root cellar coursed rubble stone root cellar. Standing one-story high and one bay wide, it has a front gable roof clad with corrugated sheet metal and with exposed roof rafters. The entry contains a four-paneled wood door. Seen in the side walls are small square vent openings. On the west side of the road is a one-and-a-half story drive-in barn standing on a coursed rubble foundation clad with vertical boards. Two windows are seen on the façade, which are 4-light wood casements. Two drive-in bays with shed-roofs have been added to the side elevations. A one-and-a-half story bank barn stands on a coursed rubble foundation with large stone quoins. It has a center entry with a sliding wood door, and the first story overhangs the full-height basement. Seen on the side elevation are two 12-light awning windows, and seven wood louvered vents with scallop shaped wood lintels.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1843 ca.	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1843 ca.		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	8.96 Acres	
Acreage of historical setting	150 Acres	
Quadrangle name	Lineboro	Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The William J. Hoffman House is located at 20101 Gunpowder Road in Millers in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 10, parcel 172 since its construction circa 1843.

11. Form Prepared by

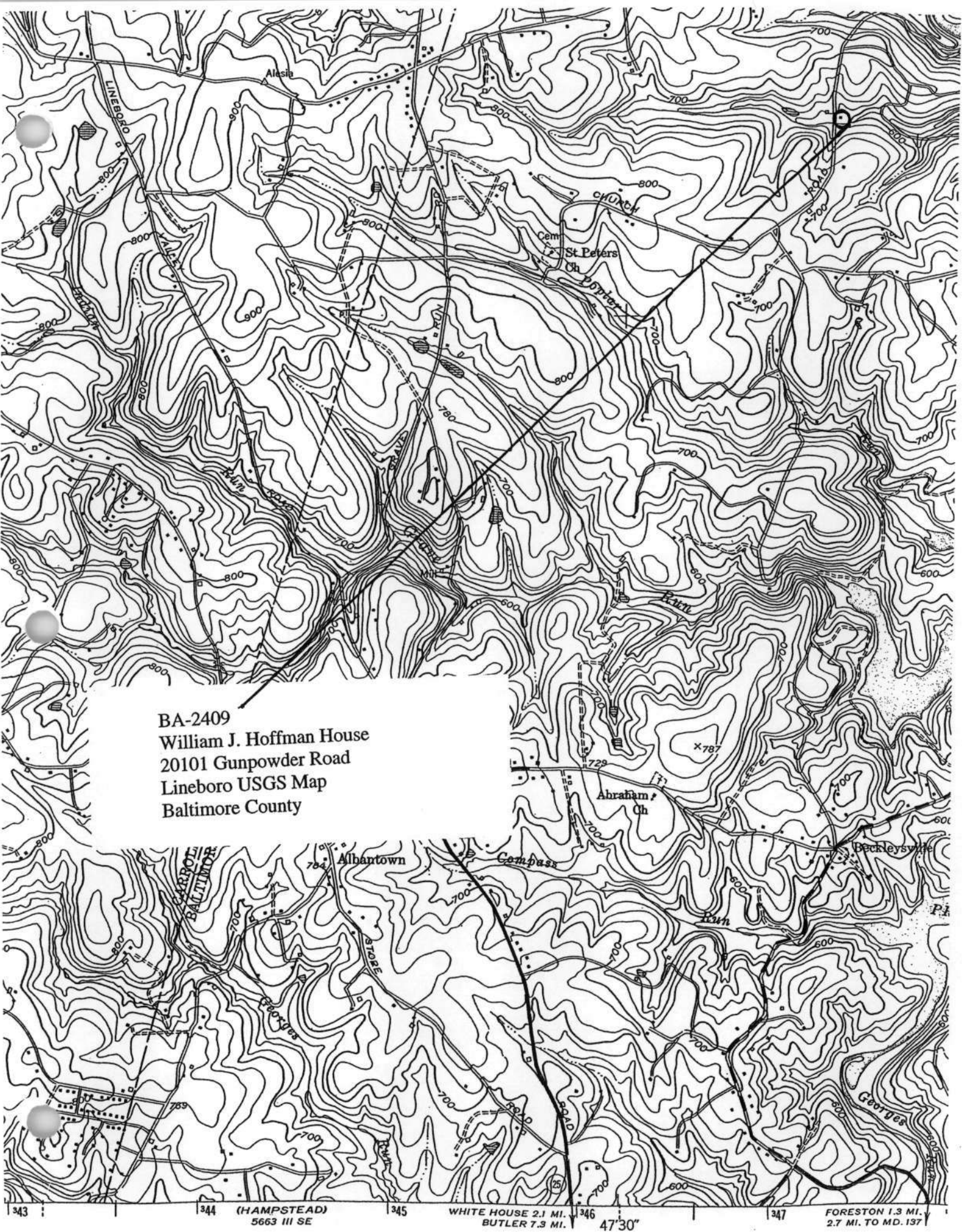
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William J. Hoffman House
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Lineboro USGS Map
Baltimore County



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HOUSE VIEW LOOKING SOUTH EAST

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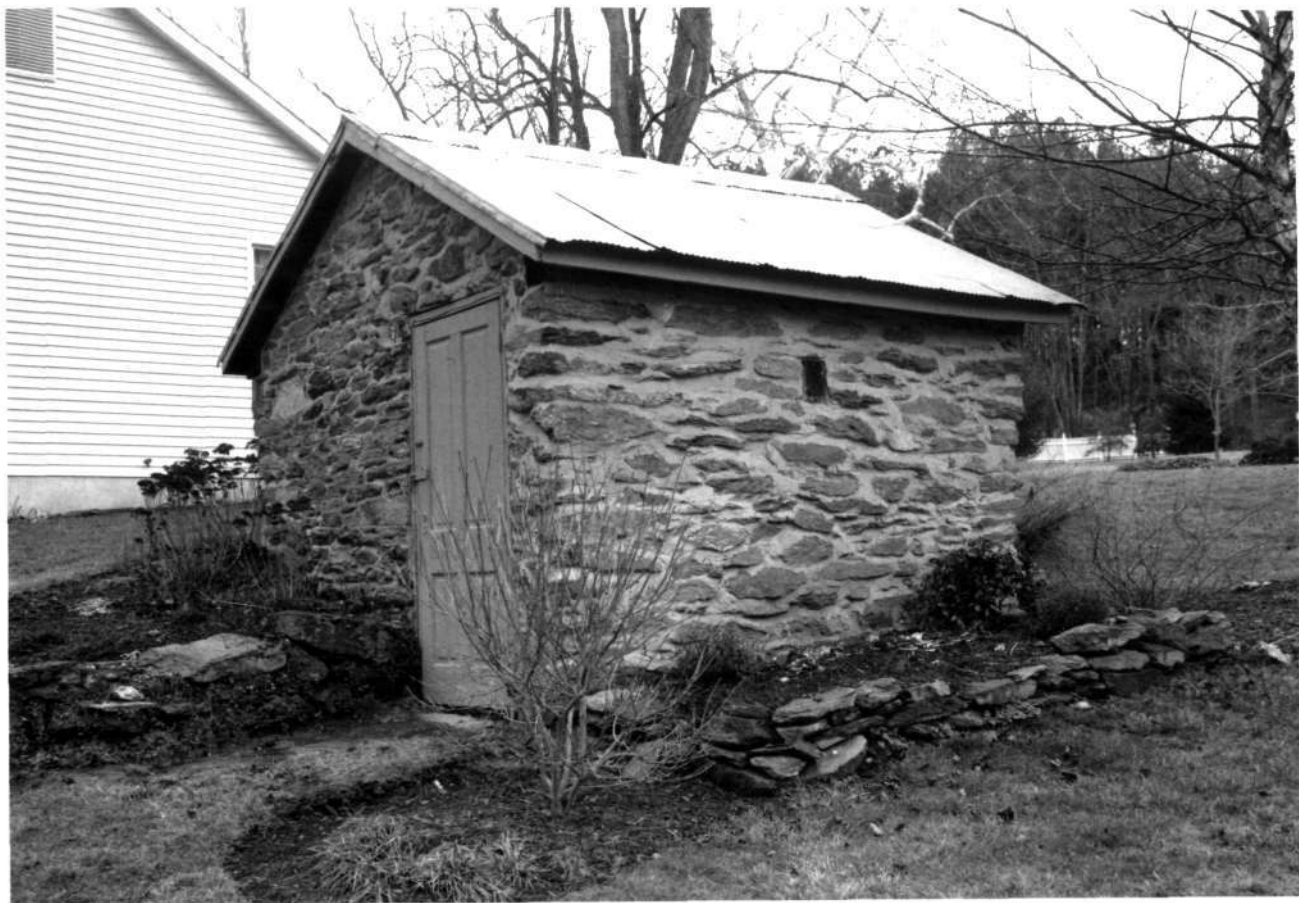
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NORTHWEST CORNER, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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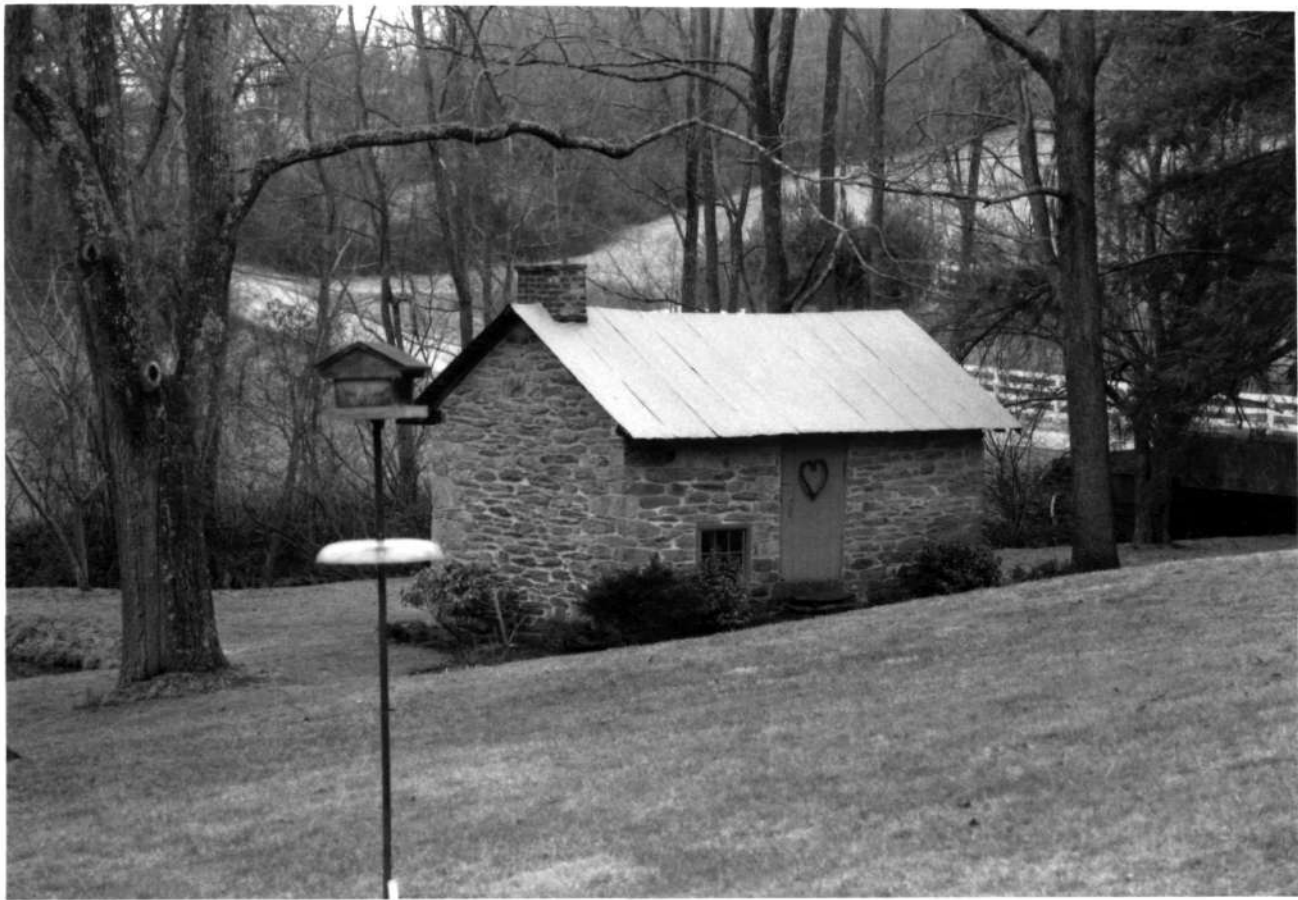
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ROOT CELLAR, SOUTHEAST CORNER

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WASHHOUSE, NORTHWEST CORNER

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DRIVE-IN BARN, VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST

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BANK BARN, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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W. J. HOFFMAN HOUSE - c. 1843 - 20101 Gunpowder Road, Rockdale-Hoffmanville vicinity. Large brick house in Pennsylvania-German style, with gable roofing. Prominent window lintels. Walk-in basement; galleries.